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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing a driver's license reimbursement fund and
- 2 providing for the allocation of revenues from the sales tax
- 3 on dyed special fuel, making an appropriation, and including
- 4 retroactive applicability provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 312.2, Code 2013, is amended by adding
- 2 the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 18. The treasurer of state, before making
- 4 the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit
- 5 annually from the road use tax fund to the secondary road fund
- 6 the amount transferred to the road use tax fund pursuant to
- 7 section 321M.12, to be used for construction, maintenance, and
- 8 repair of secondary roads, including bridges.
- 9 Sec. 2. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **321M.12** Driver's license reimbursement 10 fund.
- 11 1. A driver's license reimbursement fund is established in
- 12 the office of the treasurer of state under the control of the
- 13 department. The fund shall consist of any moneys appropriated
- 14 to the fund by the general assembly and the amount of sales tax
- 15 revenues transferred to the fund pursuant to section 423.2,
- 16 subsection 11, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3). The moneys
- 17 in the fund are appropriated to the department to be used as
- 18 provided in this section.
- 19 2. Annually, on or after July 1 of each fiscal year, from
- 20 moneys available in the driver's license reimbursement fund
- 21 on June 30 of the preceding fiscal year, the department shall
- 22 reimburse counties for costs incurred from the issuance and
- 23 renewal of driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification
- 24 cards by the county treasurer's office during the preceding
- 25 fiscal year. The amount of the reimbursement for a county
- 26 shall be equal to the average total cost per card issued by all
- 27 county treasurer's offices according to the most recent report
- 28 compiled by the auditor of state pursuant to section 321M.9,
- 29 subsection 4, minus seven dollars, multiplied by the total
- 30 number of cards issued by the county treasurer's office during
- 31 the preceding fiscal year.
- 32 3. Any moneys that were available in the fund on June 30
- 33 of the preceding fiscal year which remain in the fund after
- 34 the distribution provided for under subsection 2 shall be
- 35 transferred to the road use tax fund.

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- 1 Sec. 3. Section 423.2, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code
- 2 2013, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
- NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) Subsequent to the deposit into the
- 4 general fund of the state, the director shall transfer an
- 5 amount equal to the revenues collected from the sales tax on
- 6 dyed special fuel to the driver's license reimbursement fund
- 7 created in section 321M.12.
- 8 Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies
- 9 retroactively to July 1, 2012, for sales tax revenues collected
- 10 on or after that date.
- 11 EXPLANATION
- 12 There are currently 81 county treasurer's offices that
- 13 are authorized to issue driver's licenses and nonoperator's
- 14 identification cards in Iowa. The county treasurers retain
- 15 for deposit in the county general fund \$7 of the fee from each
- 16 driver's license or nonoperator's identification card issued by
- 17 the county treasurer's office.
- 18 This bill establishes a driver's license reimbursement
- 19 fund to be administered by the department of transportation.
- 20 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department to be
- 21 used to reimburse county treasurers for costs relating to the
- 22 issuance and renewal of driver's licenses and nonoperator's
- 23 identification cards which exceed the amount retained by
- 24 the county treasurers from fees. The reimbursement is to
- 25 occur annually, on or after July 1, from moneys available in
- 26 the driver's license reimbursement fund on June 30 of the
- 27 preceding fiscal year. The amount of the reimbursement for a
- 28 county shall be determined by subtracting \$7 from the average
- 29 cost per card issued by all county treasurer's offices, as
- 30 stated in the most recent report on driver's license issuance
- 31 compiled by the auditor of state, and multiplying the remainder
- 32 by the total number of driver's licenses and nonoperator's
- 33 identification cards issued by the county treasurer's office
- 34 during the preceding fiscal year. Any moneys remaining in the
- 35 driver's license reimbursement fund from the previous fiscal

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- 1 year which were not used to reimburse county treasurers are to
- 2 be transferred to the road use tax fund and credited to the
- 3 secondary road fund according to the current formula for such
- 4 distributions. The moneys are to be used by counties for the
- 5 construction, maintenance, and repair of secondary roads and
- 6 bridges.
- 7 The bill directs the department of revenue to transfer the
- 8 amount of revenue collected from the sales tax on dyed special
- 9 fuel, which is currently deposited in the general fund of the
- 10 state, to the driver's license reimbursement fund.
- 11 The bill applies retroactively for sales tax collected on or
- 12 after July 1, 2012.